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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names;

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ASYMMETRICAL COMPUTER MOUSE DESIGN
WITH EXTENDED THUMB BUTTON

the specification of which (check one)

X is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____
as Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s): Priority Claimed

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(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year)

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Whereas, we,

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of Durham
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and

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have invented certain improvements in

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and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on

(Dates Inventors Signed Declaration) (1) 9/23, 1999, and
(2) 9/23, 1999.

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(1) Signed at RTP on 9/23, 1999.

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